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D. CLARKE/NEGROPONTE JULY 28 TELECON

1. ADCM CALLED ON FONOFF DIRGEN FOR TERRITORIAL SOVEREIGNTY AYALA EVENING JULY 28 TO DISCUSS CHAIRMANSHIP OF OCTOBER LOS TUNA MEETING IN NEW YORK, AYALA WAS FULLY APPRISED OF JULY 23 MEETING BETWEEN CARDENAS, RYAN AND MOORE AND SAID THAT CARDENAS HAD ALREADY BEEN SENT INSTRUCTIONS COVERING CHAIR-MANSHIP OF SESSION AND OTHER MATTERS WHICH HE WOULD BE TAKING UP WITH DEPARTMENT.

2. INSTRUCTIONS, AYALA SAID, WERE AS FOLLOWS:
A. GOE HAS NO PROBLEM WITH FIRST TWO WEEKS OF OCTOBER FOR TIMING OF MEETING;
B. GOE REAFFIRMS THAT IT FAVORS PARTICIPATION BY STATES WITHIN PERTINENT "GEOGRAPHICAL AND ECOLOGICAL REGION";
C. SINCE MEETINGS WILL BE INFORMAL IN NATURE, GOE DOES NOT RPT NOT BELIEVE IT NECESSARY TO DESIGNATE A CHAIRMAN FOR THESE DISCUSSIONS.
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3. AYALA ADDED THAT SINCE THESE INSTRUCTIONS HAD PREDATED OUR SUGGESTION THAT FACIO CHAIR DISCUSSIONS, GOE POSITION SHOULD NOT BE TAKEN TO REFLECT ONE WAY OR ANOTHER GOE ATTITUDE TOWARDS FACIO AS POSSIBLE CHAIRMAN. AYALA ALSO SUGGESTED THAT IF, AS DISCUSSIONS IN NEW YORK DEVELOP, SOMEONE IS NEEDED TO MODERATE THEM, THEN SUCH PERSON COULD BE DESIGNATED INFORMALLY ON THE SPOT.

4. COMMENT: WITH RESPECT TO DEPARTMENT'S ANALYSIS CONTAINED PARA 5 REF B CONCERNING NON-REGIONAL PARTICIPATION, WE AGREE WITH YOUR VIEW THAT GOE PREFERS TO EXCLUDE FRANCE BUT IS PREPARED TO LEAVE DOOR OPEN TO CANADA AND JAPAN. WE ALSO SHARE DEPARTMENT'S VIEW THAT GOE MAY NOT WISH TO MAKE PARTICIPATION QUESTION A CONDITION FOR THEIR ATTENDANCE IN NEW YORK, A CONCLUSION TO WHICH THE OPAQUENESS OF THE "SECRET LANGUAGE"CONTRIBUTES. IT OCCURS TO US, HOWEVER, THAT IF WE WERE TO INSIST ON FORMAL CHAIRMANSHIP, THEREBY CONSIDERABLY ELEVATING DIPLOMATIC STATUS OF CONSULTATIONS, THEN GOE MIGHT BE CONSIDERABLY MORE DIFFICULT ON ISSUE OF NON-REGIONAL PARTICIPATION. DEPT WILL RECALL THAT IN ORIGINAL MAY 8 MEETING AT GENEVA BETWEEN U.S. AND GOE DELS ON THIS SUBJECT, TERMS USED TO CHARACTERIZE PROSPECTIVE TALKS WERE "REGIONAL CONSULTATIONS" AND MEETING OF "INFORMAL REGIONAL CONSULTATIVE GROUP", SUGGESTING A LOWER LEVEL OF FORMALITY THAN WE NOW SEEM TO BE CONTEMPLATING (GENEVA 3414).
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